

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 28 as follows:

[0028] The catalyst composition may be any catalyst composition known to those of skill in the art that is routinely used in chemical vapor deposition processes. Examples of known catalysts systems are provided on page [2] 3, paragraph [7] 8, herein incorporated by reference. The catalyst can be a metal selected from a Group V metal, such as V or Nb, and mixtures thereof, a Group VI metal including Cr, W, or Mo, and mixtures thereof, VII metal, such as, Mn, or Re, Group VIII metal including Co, Ni, Ru, Rh, Pd, Os, Ir, Pt, and mixtures thereof, or the lanthanides, such as Ce, Eu, Er, or Yb and mixtures thereof, or transition metals such as Cu, Ag, Au, Zn, Cd, Sc, Y, or La and mixtures thereof. Specific examples of mixture of catalysts, such as bimetallic catalysts, which may be employed by the present invention include Co--Cr, Co--W, Co--Mo, Ni--Cr, Ni--W, Ni--Mo, Ru--Cr, Ru--W, Ru--Mo, Rh--Cr, Rh--W, Rh--Mo, Pd--Cr, Pd--W, Pd--Mo, Ir--Cr, Ir--W, Pt--W, and Pt--Mo. Preferably, the catalyst is iron, cobalt, nickel, molybdeum, or a mixture thereof, such as Fe--Mo, Co--Mo and Ni-Fe-Mo. The metal or combination of metals selected as the catalyst can be processed to obtain the desired particle size and diameter distribution.